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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 6.6% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 9, 1988--Airline passenger traffic rose 6.6 percent to 34.0 billion passenger miles in October, and the number of passengers reached 36.4 million, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 3.6 percent in October over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 1.5 percent. Passengers increased 4.3 percent to 33.4 million, while the load factor was 59.6 percent, up from 58.4 percent for October a year ago.

In international service, traffic in October climbed 17.8 percent, and available seat miles rose 15.2 percent. Passengers increased 14.6 percent to 3 million, and the load factor amounted to 67.5 percent compared to 66.0 percent last year.

For the first ten months of 1988, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 3.9 percent to 347.2 billion, and the number of passengers rose to 364.0 million from 360.9 million for the same period last year. Available seat miles increased 4.1 percent, and the load factor amounted to 63.3 percent versus 63.4 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1988 - 1987

	OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	32,042	33,412	4.3	335,137	334,605	(0.2)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	25,111,522	26,514,559	5.6	267,125,014	268,993,603	0.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	43,007,144	43,658,208	1.5	426,727,223	433,319,536	1.5
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.4	60.7		62.6	62.1	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,594	2,973	14.6	25,791	29,365	13.9
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	6,809,423	8,021,605	17.8	67,010,439	78,655,846	17.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	10,319,827	11,887,676	15.2	100,259,447	115,073,635	14.8
LOAD FACTOR (%)	66.0	67.5		66.8	68.4	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,636	36,385	5.0	360,928	363,970	0.8
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	31,920,945	34,536,164	8.2	334,135,453	347,649,449	4.0
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	53,326,971	55,545,884	4.2	526,986,670	548,393,171	4.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	59.9	62.2		63.4	63.4	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.